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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate, instances fairly good for retail ads, fast food and restaurants. Supplies were overall sufficient to handle trade requirements. In the parts structure, mid-week movement was light to moderate with regular commitments at times satisfying needs. Wings were adequate to ample, dark meat was balanced to tight, and breast items were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 67.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on July 10, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	199.00
BREASTS - B/S	190.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.50
WINGS	71.00

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to fair, food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, dark meat remained in the strongest position with supplies close balanced to well cleared. Breast items and wings were available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light to fair at best during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and heavier weights ranged adequate to balanced. The lighter birds were at least sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Drumsticks and legs were clearing well. Wings and tenderloins were more than sufficient.

**MIDWEST** The whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Offerings were sufficient. Retail and food service demand continued its irregular pattern, light to fairly good with some improvement over previous trading period noted. Restaurants, retail features and some fast food provided best interest. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were desirable. Transport issues and heavy rains continued to adversely affect deliveries and sales. Trade on parts items were limited as most buyer needs satisfied through regular commitments. Supplies of wings were plentiful, leg quarter and boneless/skinless breast offerings were increasing and drumsticks were balanced to tight. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and mostly steady on all other parts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings of the small sized WOGs were in close balance with the heavier weights easily adequate to cover current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where features in progress. Floor stocks were mainly adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on dark meat items and steady to barely steady on white meat items.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 07/05/03	2003	2002
EGGS SET	204,600	206,891
CHICKS PLACED	171,348	172,394
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-01
		-01

### Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 5, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 5, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 5, 2003 were 4.54 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Aug-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 158.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 158.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 161.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.51 CENTS PER POUND.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	862	155.00-226.00	155-158	159.81
TENDERLOINS	164	135.00-211.00	140-145	150.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	92.00-108.00	93-96	96.00
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.50-46.00	33	33.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	630	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.65
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	24.50-31.00	27-28	27.91
WINGS (WHOLE)	356	52.00-76.00	-	67.78
WINGS (CUT)	518	69.00-83.00	75-79	75.33
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	842	156.00-226.00	156-159	160.32
TENDERLOINS	174	135.00-211.00	140-145	150.37
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	92.00-110.00	93-96	96.19
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	33.00-46.00	33-34	34.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	625	24.00-27.00	24-25	24.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	24.50-32.00	27-28	28.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	52.00-76.00	-	71.65
WINGS (CUT)	450	69.00-83.00	75-79	76.32
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
51.25 - 55.00	52.33

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
51.00 - 55.50	52.79	52.83

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to fair during midweek trading as dealers assumed a cautious posture and worked hand-to-mouth. Offerings of breast items were available. Legs and drumsticks were clearing well. Wings and tenderloins were at least sufficient. Retail movement was moderate with scattered features providing the best draw. Distributive demand was light and selective. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat cuts, cautious on breast items and about steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES JULY 08, 2003

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170	166.67	535,360
TENDERLOINS	140	136.48	197,192
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	91.25	298,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	86.44	136,640
LEGS	37-38	37.70	310,690
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	27.10	666,653
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	37.20	214,278
THIGHS	28-29	36.06	134,030
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.04	94,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	62.86	240,630
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.80	44,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.62	11,060
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	38.77	32,060

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	166.85	310,613
TENDERLOINS	140	138.63	46,295
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	91.43	200,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	86.89	94,200
LEGS	37-38	37.64	242,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.98	443,548
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	38.48	75,850
THIGHS	28-29	36.97	60,420
B/S THIGHS	69-70	70.82	47,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	68.82	134,550
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	32,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	28.48	8,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	41.40	26,080

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/09	07/08	07/07	07/04	07/02
ALA	3,959	4,117	3,965	(A) 5.21	(A) 3,918
ARK	5,375	5,417	5,264	(A) 4.97	(A) 5,268
DELMARVA	2,305	2,221	2,171	(A) 5.36	(A) 2,258
KY-LA-TN	1,903	1,941	1,907	(A) 4.92	(A) 2,000
MISS	2,979	3,105	2,855	(A) 5.51	(A) 3,071
NC	2,520	2,645	2,571	(A) 6.15	(A) 2,580
TEXAS	2,498	2,490	2,479	(A) 5.08	(A) 2,477
TOTAL	21,539	21,936	21,212	6,730	5.28
MON-WED 65,083(B)					4.90
					21,572
					5.37

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 7/9 is estimated to be 32,225,000 down 0.5 percent from a week ago and up 2.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,371,000; last year 31,493,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 99-101
	DRY PACK 106-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-105
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK -
DUCKS	155-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-JUL-03

	CURRENT WEEK 07/12/03 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/05/03
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	170,164 (2)	144,122
LT HENS	1,307	1,110
HVY HENS	1,583	1,220
CHECK TOTAL	173,054	146,452

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Jul-03 is 160.4 million head compared to 160.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.5 million head or 10.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 19-Jul-03 the estimated available is 160.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 07/07/03	208,405	59,120
AM 06/01/03	219,295	43,194
CHG	-10,890	15,926
PCT CHG	-5	37

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	7/08/03	6/30/03	7/8/02	7/08/03	6/30/03	7/8/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	15,559	15,455	26,466	6,976	6,655	5,162
LOS						
ANGELES	126	134	395	2,792	2,865	3,550

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 07, 2003

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 7/08/03		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.60	.47	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.50
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.40	.90	.48	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	1.20	1.50	1.36	BANTAMS ea.	.75	4.00
BROILERS lb.	.40	.50	.45	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.50	2.00
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.75	6.25
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.00	6.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.20	.99	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.60	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	8.00
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.65	1.07	DUCKS ea.	2.50	6.50
RABBITS lb.	1.15	1.60	1.41	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	3.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	9.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	.85	2.30	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	6.25	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 118

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 4, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, &Wings	Back Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	56.77	131.02	91.71	17.47	17.47	61.14
High	61.14	139.75	96.08	21.84	21.84	61.14
Mostly	58.96	139.75	91.71	21.84	21.84	61.14

**SAN JUAN**

Low	56.77	131.02	87.35	13.10	17.47	61.14
High	60.70	139.75	91.71	17.47	21.84	61.14
Mostly	58.96	131.02	87.35	13.10	17.47	61.14

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	56.77	131.02	87.35	13.10	17.47	63.33
High	61.14	139.75	96.08	21.84	21.84	63.33
Mostly	59.39	131.02	87.35	13.10	17.47	63.33

**BECERRA**

Low	57.21	131.02	91.71	17.47	17.47	63.33
High	61.58	139.75	96.08	21.84	21.84	63.33
Mostly	59.39	139.75	96.08	17.47	21.84	63.33

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate. Offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Over 3.0 sizes were noted as in the closer better balance with immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were adequate to tight. Bone-in breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Leg items were well balanced to short. Wings were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	58-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.43
NO. OF BOXES	8,959

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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